



# BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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I have not yet begun to fight!"



## U.S. WILL SEND TROOPS TO EAST TIMOR

By Tribune News Services

The United States will send troops to serve as observers in a UN peacekeeping mission in East Timor and provide more than \$70 million in assistance to the former Indonesian province this year, the White House said Friday.

The White House said in a statement that U.S. soldiers would participate in the UN peacekeeping mission that will take over from the Australian-led international force. The Australian-led

force was sent in to stop mass violence in September after an Aug. 30 vote for independence when East Timorese voted overwhelmingly to end a near quarter century of often brutal Indonesian rule.

Nearly 2,100 troops will make the transition to the peacekeeping force and about 100 U.S. officers will serve as observers in the UN mission. Other U.S. personnel will work to rebuild schools and restore medical services.



The USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (T AO 193), second from bottom, conducts a simultaneous underway replenishment of diesel fuel marine (DFM) and jet propellant 5 aviation fuel (JP 5) with USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD 52), at bottom, and USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). At the same time, USNS SAN JOSE (T AFS 7), at top, provides food and other supplies in a vertical replenishment that took place with all of the ships in the BONHOMME RICHARD Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) on Tuesday, February 15. The ARG is composed of the San Diego-based amphibious ships, USS BONHOMME RICHARD, USS DENVER (LPD 9), and USS PEARL HARBOR, which are on a routine 6-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf. (Photo by PH3 Kari Williams.)

## AT LEAST 22 KILLED AS TWISTERS RIP THROUGH GEORGIA

By Associated Press

Tornadoes slashed through southwest Georgia early Monday, killing at least 22 people and injuring more than 100. The Mitchell County town of Camilla appeared to be hardest hit, with a tornado cutting a five-mile path through a housing development south of town.

"It's like somebody took a bulldozer and leveled it," volunteer firefighter Miki Newsome said. He and his father had watched a large dark funnel cloud dip down about three miles from their house near Camilla, just out of Atlanta. Newsome estimated that 50 to 80 homes were demolished, 90 percent of them mobile homes.

Fourteen people died in Mitchell County, said Liz McQueen, a RedCross representative. Seven were confirmed dead in Grady County and one in Colquitt County. Only two victims, Marianne McClelland, 64, of Pelham, and Shannon Harrell, 8, of Camilla, had been identified by midday.

## BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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## MCCAIN-BUSH WAR GETS BITTER

By Jim Yardley

Nearly 1,000 miles from South Carolina and the bitter political war between George W. Bush and John McCain, one flank of the war is being fought from a four-story office building. Inside the offices of a company called Voter Consumer Research, a few dozen people spent two days last week calling prospective voters in South Carolina to ask them carefully scripted questions: Will you participate in the Republican primary? How much attention have you paid to the GOP race? But the questions quickly shifted to McCain.

The callers stated that McCain's tax plan does not cut rates for most people, that he had been reprimanded by the Senate Ethics Committee and that his campaign finance proposals would give labor unions and the media more influence in deciding elections.

### ***\* WEDNESDAY SITE TV SCHEDULE \****

#### CHANNEL 2

1030 AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM

1100 THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK

1630 NYPD BLUE

1730 JEOPARDY

1st 1800 MOTOWN LIVE

2nd 1800 WWF SUPERSTARS

1900 GODFATHER II

2215 RAGING BULL

#### CHANNEL 6

1030 WILL & GRACE

1100 WHEN HARRY MET SALLY

1630 A SIMPLE WISH

1800 CRIME OF THE CENTURY

1900 MEET JOE BLACK

2200 TOMORROW NEVER DIES

## N ATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### **INDONESIAN GENERAL SUSPENDED**

By The New York Times

President Abdurrahman Wahid on Sunday backed away from his demand for the resignation of his defiant security minister, General Wiranto, then turned around hours later and suspended him. The confusing flip-flop came on the day the president returned from a two-week foreign trip during which he had repeatedly urged the general to step down but constantly changed the details and emphasis of his statements. The confrontation with the country's most prominent military figure has raised fears of a military coup.

### **HEZBOLLAH VOWS TO CONTINUE ATTACKS ON ISRAELI TROOPS**

By John F. Burns

After a two-week offensive against Israeli forces in southern Lebanon, the militant Islamic group Hezbollah, the Party of God, says it has no plans to halt the attacks so Israel can fulfill its promise to withdraw from the area by early July without further losses.

"As long as there are Israeli forces in southern Lebanon, our resistance will continue," said Houssein Al-Khalil, a key aide to Hassan Nasrallah, the elusive Shiite Muslim cleric who leads the group. "Our main aim is that Lebanon will be free of occupation. We will conquer the Israelis, and they will be seen to be the big losers in this war."

Hezbollah's attacks on Israeli troops have posed new obstacles in restarting the suspended peace talks between Israel and Syria.

### **FIRST POLICE OFFICER TAKES**

### **STAND IN DIALLO TRIAL MONDAY**

By Associated Press

The first of four New York City police officers charged with killing an unarmed and took the witness stand Monday. The four white officers fired 41 shots at Amadou Diallo on Feb. 4, 1999, killing the African immigrant in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building. The trial was moved to Albany because of pre-trial publicity and allegations of police abuse of minorities.

The night Diallo was shot, Officer Sean Carroll testified, he and his three partners were looking for a serial rapist reported to be carrying a handgun. Carroll said that instead of stopping when he officers asked to talk to him, Diallo walked backward and started digging in his right pocket.

"I heard Officer [Edward] McMellon repeating, 'Police, show us your hands,' " Carroll said. "We said it clearly." Carroll said Diallo then started "removing the black object from his right side. My prior arrests dictated to me that this person was pulling a gun. I just said, 'Gun. He's got a gun.' Believing that he had just pulled and was about to fire a gun at my partner, I fired my weapon," Carroll testified, then broke down sobbing. After Diallo fell, "I looked down at it and I seen it was a wallet . . . It was just a wallet." Co-defendants McMellon, 27, Kenneth Boss, 28, and Richard Murphy, 27, also are expected to testify.

## SPORTS

### WOODS' WINNING STREAK ENDS

By Clifton Brown

After overcoming a seven-stroke deficit to tie Phil Mickelson with five holes to play, Woods simply did not have enough Sunday to deliver a knockout. He made crucial bogeys on two of his final five holes. Every hole was a chore, as Woods struggled to hit fairways and greens, putting more and more pressure on his short game until it finally let him down, too.

Meanwhile, Mickelson summoned the will to turn a potentially devastating loss into a memorable triumph. After Woods pulled even, Mickelson pulled himself together, closing with birdies on four of his last six holes to defeat the world's No. 1 player and to derail his run at history.

### MARINO'S PHONE NOT RINGING OFF THE HOOK

By Associated Press

The NFL's career passing leader isn't getting many phone calls since becoming a free agent. Dan Marino has received little interest from other teams, which could force the 38-year-old quarterback to retire.

Several reports had Marino working out a deal with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, keeping him in Florida. But Bucs coach Tony Dungy continues to say that Shaun King is his starting quarterback.

Marino may want to return to Miami after voiding the final two years of his contract there. He plans to speak with Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga later this week.

### O'NEAL AND DUNCAN PUT ON SHOW AT NBA ALL-STAR GAME

By Mike Wise

Shaquille O'Neal and Tim Duncan proved that reports of the center position's demise in the National Basketball Association are greatly exaggerated. They did their own Twin Towers thing, leading the Western Conference to a 137-126 victory over the Eastern Conference in the 49<sup>th</sup> All-Star game.

O'Neal was awesome, parlaying monster blocked shots and powerful dunks into a 22-point, nine-rebound day. His front-line companion, Duncan, ended with 24 points and 14 rebounds as the West simply swatted away those pesky fleas from the East like Allen Iverson and Vince Carter.

The West took control of a close game in the fourth quarter, outscoring the East 39-28.

### RUDD'S FIRST RACE CUT SHORT

By Associated Press

Ricky Rudd's first race with the Robert Yates team ended a few yards earlier than expected. He was part of a three-car accident began when Sterling Marlin knocked Bobby Labonte into Rudd. His race ended just short of the finish line.

### NCAA BASKETBALL TOP 25

The Associated Press

Cincinnati 87	DePaul 64
No. 4 Syracuse 71,	UCLA 67
No. 10 Indiana 86,	Michigan 65
No. 25 LSU 70, No. 11 Kentucky 57	

### NHL SCORES

By Associated Press

New Jersey 3	San Jose 1
Edmonton 2	Buffalo 2
N.Y. Islanders 2	N.Y. Rangers 2
Dallas 2	Washington 2
Detroit 4	Colorado 3